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White-water world demands preparedness

By Col. Michael T. O'Halloran
302nd Maintenance Group commander

"Business as usual isn't usual. Today, mergers and acquisition, downsizing and constant restructuring grab headlines on business pages. The internet and new media are changing customer expectations. Costs and global markets fluctuate from hour to hour. Stephen R. Covey terms this new business climate "permanent white water," and if you can't keep up, you're going to go under." These words are from the Franklin Covey brochure on Tools for Highly Effective Organizations, but they could be talking about the 302nd Airlift Wing.

This year has certainly been a white water year for the Maintenance Group. Almost immediately after our restructuring, we started preparing for our Maintenance Standardization Evaluation Program inspection from the 22nd Air Force

Logistics in September. While preparing we still have Red Flag and Coronet Oak deployments, a daily flying/maintenance schedule and a mission capable rate to maintain. MSEP is the most thorough inspection a maintenance organization can undergo; every shop and section is inspected with a multiple page checklist. There are 36 graded areas and we received 22 outstanding, nine excellent and five satisfactory ratings with only one major write-up for an overall rating of excellent. I want to thank all the maintenance men and women for the hard work and dedication they demonstrated to achieve these great results.

Little did we realize the white water that was approaching us. We were asked if we could support any Coronet Oak deployments in the first quarter of FY 04, October through December. After looking at schedules, surveying personnel availabil-

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Holiday greetings to Reserve members

By Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III
Commander of Air Force Reserve Command

WASHINGTON—As we celebrate this holiday season and the start of 2004, we give special thanks and recognition to the men and women of Air Force Reserve Command.

Reservists, their families and their employers have given much to their country since 9/11 and much may be required in the future. Therefore, it is with deep pride that I salute each of you and yours for a job well done. All of you have shouldered a tremendous responsibility in fighting the global war on terrorism.

Your dedication to duty has helped make the world a safer place. It is a privilege to serve with you.

Marsha and I wish each of you—wherever you might be in the world—the very best this holiday season has to offer. May you and your family find peace, joy and happiness as you continue to safeguard our great nation. God bless you, and God bless America.

Santa Claus can stretch your faith

By Chaplain (Capt.) Tim Wilson
302nd Airlift Wing Chaplains Office

Santa Claus is a pretty popular person this time of year. Have you ever considered the amazing amount of faith that it takes to believe in that red-suited man?

There are, for instance, about 378 million children in the world who put their faith in Santa Claus. The Populations Reference Bureau estimates there are about two billion children in the world under the age of 18. Let's conservatively calculate that a mere 15 percent of them believe in Santa although the number may be higher. Time-wise, Santa has

about a 31-hour Christmas Eve delivery window to work within, making allowances for different time zones and the rotation of the earth assuming he travels east to west. That is one big deployment.

Based on 3.5 children per household and that at least one of the children or even the .5 of a child in each household has been good, Santa would have to visit 967.7 homes per second. This means that in about 1/1000th of a second he has to park the sleigh, secure the reindeer, slide down the chimney, fill the stockings, distribute gifts under the tree, eat any snack left for him and zoom back up the chimney. Forget the big, black boots;

Santa needs high performance running shoes.

For fun let's assume that each of the 108 million stops is evenly spaced on an average of 0.78 of a mile between houses. This would mean he would have to navigate 75.5 million miles, not counting side trips to stop for coffee or a much needed bathroom break. To accomplish the mission in the allotted 31 hours, Santa must pilot his sleigh at around 650 miles per second or about 3,000 times the speed of sound. Therein lies a significant problem. If Santa accelerated on his rooftop runway from a dead stop to 650 miles per second in an even .001 of a second he would experience

about 17,500 Gs. This would snugly pin a 250 pound Santa to the back of his sleigh seat with 4,315,015 pounds of force; not a comfortable ride to say the least.

But there's more to stretch one's faith. Christmas gifts present a logistics nightmare. Let's make a moderate proposal that each child receives no more than a medium-sized building block set, which is better than new socks or underwear. Let's say each set weighs in at about two pounds. The sleigh would be weighed down with more than 500,000 tons of red, green, blue and yellow blocks—a Herculean challenge for even the best of 302nd loadmasters.

And some say the Christmas story of the babe in the manger is hard to believe.

MAFFS, wing members activated for California fires

By Lt. Col. Clancy Preston
Front Range Flyer

More than 40 302nd Airlift

Staff Sgt. Michael McDonald, a Communications Navigation Technician from the 302nd Maintenance Squadron, washes excess "slurry" off the backs of the Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System equipped C-130s after each pass they make.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Michele A. Desrochers

Wing members boarded two C-130H Hercules aircraft deployed Oct. 28 when the Modular Airborne Firefighting System mission was federally activated for aerial firefighting in California.

Lt. Col. Luke Coker, a ten-year veteran of aerial firefighting with the wing, saw it

coming. The top story on national news Monday morning, Oct. 27, reported the grim details of multiple fires in California where the death toll was up to 15 people and the property destruction of a half million acres and 1,200 homes. With Coker's years of experience, he said he knew the time would come when the U.S. Forest Service would announce that all commercial aircraft contracted to the Forest Service were in use and MAFFS would be activated.

The 302nd AW personnel deployed to Point Mugu, Channel Islands Air National Guard Station, California, an hour and a half drive north of Los Angeles. They joined six additional C-130 aircraft from the California ANG, Wyoming ANG and North Carolina ANG. All maintenance personnel and flight crews were

ready with MAFFS-equipped aircraft for the aerial firefighting assault against the Simi Fire in Ventura County.

"We had heard the fires in Calif., were bad, but once we got out there and started flying missions, I believe they were the worst fires I've seen," said Coker, the 302nd AW MAFFS point of contact. "Although we didn't fly a lot, we were able to make a difference."

"The Simi Fire was 20 percent contained when the military air tasking began and 100 percent containment was reached by Nov. 1," said Joe Fassler, public relations officer for the Calif. Department of Forestry.

NIFC released all federalized military units assisting with wildland firefighting Nov. 1 when wel-

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Schriever squadron commander wins top "Get One" award

By Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton
Front Range Flyer

Lt. Col. Paul Loomis, commander, 7th Space Operations

Squadron, Schriever Air Force Base, has earned recognition as the 2003 Top Accession Award winner for the "Get One" program in Air Force Reserve Command.

Loomis received the award by referring 20 potential recruits through the program with 11 joining the Reserve for fiscal year 2003.

AFRC initiated the program as a way for Reserve members to submit quality referrals to the Air Force Reserve. Lt. Gen. James Sherrard, chief of the Air Force Reserve and commander of AFRC recognizes those members with the most qualified enlisted referrals.

Awards include the Air Force Achievement Medal, a leather bomber jacket with the Get One insignia, an incentive flight on any aircraft in the Air Force Reserve inventory, and an article in *Citizen Airman* magazine.

Col. Francis M. Mungavin, AFRC Re-

cruiting commander, will honor Loomis during a 310th Space Group Commander's Call Dec. 6. Loomis will also receive a plaque and a gift certificate from AAFES

honoring his achievement as the top award winner for 2003.

"Lt. Col. Loomis is one of our original reservists in space," said Col. Roscoe Griffin, commander, 310th Space Group. "He believes in what we bring to the fight and is a visionary who knows where we've been, what we've accomplished and where to take us. Recruiting members for the Reserve is just another example of what he does everyday."

All reservists can participate in the program and submit as many referrals as possible. If enlistment of a referral is accomplished within a two-year period, the reservist who submitted the referral qualifies for an enlistment award.

"We achieved 1,051 accessions through the Get One program this year," said Master Sgt. Elaine Mayo, noncommissioned officer

for Public Affairs, Headquarters AFRC Recruiting Services Advertising Branch. "Anyone who referred someone and they signed was eligible. There were thousands of reservists up for the award Loomis won. The second place finisher had 10 accessions."

Unit awards at the wing level are also available for reservists with the most referred enlistments. They include a written article in the unit or base newspaper, a six-month designated parking space, and an 18-month paid club membership.

Earning third place was Senior Airman Raul Gonzalez, 302nd Mission Support Flight technician, who managed to recruit seven referrals into the Air Force Reserve. "I bleed blue and no matter where we are, we are all a part of the greatest fighting team in the world," said Gonzalez. "We may be behind the scenes, but we all support one another. I will continue to speak out about the Get One program and get good people on our side."

To provide referrals, members can go online to www.afreserve.com/getone, or call the Get One Hotline at 877-786-2372.

New fitness standards take total force course

By 2nd Lt. Lance Patterson
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Public Affairs

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga.—Starting Jan. 1, reservists will have to quicken their pace and flex their muscles when the Air Force begins its new physical fitness standards.

“Our intention as reservists is to have the same fitness requirements as the rest of the Air Force,” said Maj. Rebecca Reynolds of the command surgeon’s aerospace medicine division at Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command. “Once our supplement to the Air Force instruction is complete, it is likely these will be the same as our active-duty counterparts.”

“There is nothing that has been finalized yet, for reservists, as to how we’re going to do this,” said Master Sgt. Tamra Davis, noncommissioned officer in charge of fitness and recreation for the 302nd Airlift Wing. “How we are going to do this we don’t know. It’s just a matter of planning.”

The new physical fitness test

will consist of four components – push-ups, crunches, an abdominal circumference measurement and a 1.5-mile timed run. People who are not medically able to run will use the current system – a timed 3-mile walk for reservists and the cycle ergometry test for active duty – to fulfill the run component.

Component scores, which vary according to age and gender, will be added to obtain an overall fitness score. The score will determine if a person falls into the excellent, good, marginal or poor fitness category.

Fitness categories will determine how often a person must retest. For example, a composite score of 90 will put a person in the excellent category. A composite score of 75 to 89.9 will place a person in the good category. However, if a person has a composite score of 70 to 74.9 then that person would be considered marginally fit, thus requiring a retest at six-month intervals. A person who scores less than 70 will enter the poorly fit category, which requires a retest every three months. People rated mar-

ginal or poor will receive educational material to improve their scores.

“The focus of the new fitness program is not the assessment. The program is about integrating fitness into our culture and our members adopting fitness as a way of life,” said Maj. Lisa Schmidt, chief of health promotion operations for the Air Force surgeon general.

Officials said they are in the final stages of writing the instruction that will govern the fitness program. The instruction, which is scheduled to be published in January, will address unit physical training, testing procedures and programs to facilitate improvement.

Rationale behind the change comes from Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper in a Sight Picture released in July. “It’s time to change the amount

of energy we devote to our fitness programs due to inconsistencies with the growing demands of our warrior culture,” Jumper said.

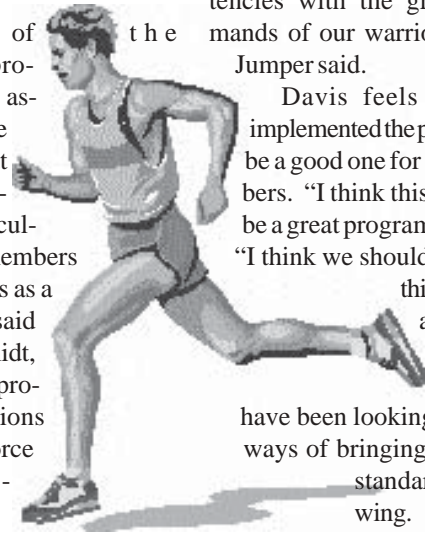
Davis feels that once implemented the program will be a good one for wing members. “I think this is going to be a great program,” she said. “I think we should have done this a long time ago.”

Davis and others have been looking at various ways of bringing the fitness standards into the wing.

“We have a lot of ideas that we’re tossing around, but we have to wait for the final reg in January,” Davis said.

One aspect Davis hopes to include is having the majority of the wing members accomplish the test all at one time.

For more information about the new fitness program standards, visit the charts online at www.af.mil/news/USAF_Fitness_Charts.pdf. (AFRC News Service)



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ity and thinking fire fighting would not be called, the wing signed up for five two-week Coronet Oak deployments. Just as the first deployment returned however, we got the call that fire fighting was being mobilized and we needed to send two aircraft and crews to southern California to fight fires.

This illustrates that we don’t know when we might get a call to utilize the unique capabilities we have in the 302nd AW, so we have to be prepared at all times. There are three responsibilities each of us has in this white-water world. The first is to ourselves to ensure we are prepared to meet any tasking. This includes both duty-specific and mobility

training. Be proactive: tell your supervisor what training you need so when you report for UTA, you’ll receive the required training.

Next, our families have to be prepared for your departure. My experience has been that deployments are harder on families than the military member. Everything seems to go wrong or break as soon as we depart. Knowing who to call and what resources are available will relieve some of the pressure. AFRC has greatly expanded the Family Support section to help our families. Make sure you and your family knows and utilizes this resource.

Our last obligation is to prepare our employers for deployments. In some ways, this may be the hardest of the three areas

because you are balancing your civilian and military careers. The increased activations are a new experience for many civilian employers and not all have developed plans for the loss of reservists. Open communication is key in our dealing with employers; they need factual information about any unit activations.

All three areas present a challenge for us, our families and our employers, but if we take action now to prepare, it will only be a challenge, not a problem. I have found the two Covey classes “7 Habits of Highly Effective People” and “4 Roles of Leadership” offered by the Wing to be beneficial in this and other aspects of our lives. Next time they are offered, consider signing up to attend.

Civilians learn from trip of lifetime

By Lt. Col. Clancy Preston
Front Range Flyer

"Never thought I'd see this in my lifetime" were words heard repeatedly during the course of the 302nd Airlift Wing's annual civic leadertour, Oct. 21-22. More than 30 civilians from the surrounding areas of Pueblo, Boulder, Denver, Colorado Springs and Cripple Creek were introduced to the military with a flight of a lifetime.

The group of attorneys, corporate presidents, chief operating officers, and influential managers and business owners began their whirlwind military tour by boarding a C-130 flight. Faced with the bright red webbed seats, a set of earplugs, a walk-around oxygen pack, a box lunch, a modesty curtain around the restroom facility, and cargo consuming the lion's share of the fuselage, their flight of three hours was the first step into military life.

The tour became dubbed the Centennial of Flight Tour by the attendees, recognizing the 100th anniversary of powered flight taking place this year, as well as

the first day's destination to Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. The connection continued even further when the group landed at Whiteman AFB, Mo., and discovered the B-2 Spirit's first military flight was Dec. 17, 1993, again recognizing Orville Wright's first flight 100 years ago.

With hands-on exposure to the combat arms training system, a visit to the Air Force Museum, tours of the A-10 Thunderbolt II and B-2 Spirit, with a chance to be in the cockpits of both aircraft, the tour remained fast paced.

"I never dreamed I would ever see a B-2 except from the highway near Whiteman or over Falcon Stadium," said Harry Blout, foundation director for an aviation enterprise.

The Hercules crew found their jobs admired and appreciated by the civic leaders. "They are really interested in what we do and how we do it," said Staff Sgt. Kurt Schwab. "Make sure you let me know when you're doing another one of these. I'll sign up," Schwab said.

The civilians were asked for ideas on improving the tour for



Photo by Lt. Col. Clancy Preston

302nd Airlift Wing sponsored civic leaders take advantage of the unique aircraft seating configuration to stretch out on the three hour flight to Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

the next group: "Don't change a thing," said Lindsay Kough, a financial planning director from Denver. "This was truly a once in a lifetime trip," said Eric Lindquist, an estate planner. "This was so educational," said Rik Williams, a chief operating officer for a local laboratory. James Bouy, general manager for Elitch Gardens, com-

mented on the enthusiasm and positive attitude he saw as people did their jobs.

Civic leader tours are part of the wing's community relations program.

"The program's mission is to increase public awareness and

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Civic leaders wait patiently for their opportunity to sit in the cockpit of the B-2 Spirit, part of the day's events at Whiteman AFB, Mo. The 302nd Airlift Wing C-130, to the left, prepares for the civic leaders return flight to Peterson AFB, Colo.



Photo by Master Sgt. Bill Huntington

Reservist bids farewell to unit he welcomed

By Staff Sgt. Jennifer Thibault
Front Range Flyer

A reservist is set to bid the unit farewell after more than 20 years of service to it.

Senior Master Sgt. Jim Miller, 302nd Maintenance Squadron, has been a member of the unit since before it was the 302nd Airlift Wing. When Miller enlisted with the Air Force Reserve after serving on active duty with the Army for 15 years, his home was called the 901st **Tactical Airlift Group**.

"Jim served as an Air Reserve Technician for the first five years of this unit's existence at Peterson Air Force Base," said Senior Master Sgt. Larry Franzen, 302nd MXS. Franzen has worked with Miller these 20 years with the wing as well.

Miller accepted the original machine shop with its late 1940s equipment and quickly transformed it into a fine-tuned operating area.

"As the original inspection dock chief, I soon realized the unit was receiving superior service from its machine shop," said Franzen.

Miller continued to impress his peers as well as his superiors. "He earned a reputation as the 'most dispatchable individual,'" said Franzen. This was

due in part to the demonstrated skills as he drilled C-130 truss mounts and longeron end fittings in a shop environment, saving time and improving quality, while ensuring a precision fit. "Our early members will remember how Miller's technique saved the day when aircraft 723 needed a double truss mount change prior to a deployment to Panama," recalled Franzen.

Miller wasn't just impressing wing personnel. He filled several requests from other agencies, to include other reserve wings. Miller traveled to March Air Force Base to set up a new machine shop for the newly organized 934th TAG and returned

to replace corroded C-130 paratroop door longerons. He did the same for Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Ohio.

Miller soon left the ART world behind but served proudly as a traditional reservist with the unit. He still managed to impress people during his part time service, "We came to only expect the best in all Jim did," said Joe Risavi, who worked with Miller for 15 years. "He was always a step above all others."

Franzen echoed this support in reference to Miller's dedication to the unit. "Even though he took a civilian job, he still worked tirelessly for the wing," said Franzen. "He helped out numerous times, sometimes even taking leave from his civilian job to help us get things right."

"You could always expect Jim Miller to make a repair on the aircraft or fix whatever part came into the shop," said Senior Master Sgt. Joe Vigil, 302nd MXS. "The repair was always better than expected or even imagined."

No one could touch Miller's expertise. "Jim Miller is tops in his technical field; I would even say he's a master machinist," said Vigil. Franzen

agreed and went on to say, "I believe Jim Miller is the best, the very best in the Air Force."

Miller soon left the machine shop and moved up the ladder. Today he's the assistant fabrication flight chief. "I am the flight chief of four shops," said Miller. "We do everything from taking care of personal issues to managing the repair of aircraft."

Miller's favorite part of his job is taking care of people, although he still manages to work in the machine shop from time to time.

Vigil said he's witnessed Miller's other talents as well. "He really knows comput-



One of Senior Master Sgt. Jim Miller's first tasks with the 901st Tactical Airlift Group was to local manufacture the group commander's identification plate.

ers and just about every other electrical gadget out there. I still think of him as a 'whizkid,'" said Vigil.

Throughout Miller's career with the unit he tried to instill in his subordinates to do things right the first time. In keeping with this trait, Miller always tried to do the best possible job he could in efforts to give something back to the country he swore to defend.

"It's been a great 21 years! People ask me why I stuck around for so many years. It's because of the wonderful people I've had the privilege of working with," said Miller.

"The Air Force will be losing a man that surpassed all that was requested of him. He is a leader, teacher and encourager," said Risavi. "He is a well-rounded man and he is always ready to share his knowledge and expertise. He has always put others before himself."

Miller is set to retire in December. Franzen encourages unit members to stop by the Fabrication Flight Chief's office to wish him well in retirement.



The above objects are Senior Master Sgt. Jim Miller originals and referred to as his resume'.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Jennifer Thibault

Credit card debt remains an issue

By Tech Sgt. David D. Morton
Front Range Flyer

The dollar amount of outstanding government credit card debt is rated throughout the 22nd Air Force monthly, and according to the latest statistics the 302nd Airlift Wing is not in good standing.

In fact, the wing ranks fourth overall out of 15 reserve units within the command.

"The percentage of the number of card holders delinquent within the wing is 4.38 percent which is average compared to the rest of 22nd Air Force," said Donna Winters, 302nd Airlift Wing budget analyst. "That is significantly better than in the past. However, the dollar amount outstanding is 9.3 percent this month [October] which puts us not in good standing with relation to how we handle credit card debt."

A number of factors contribute to the overall credit problems within the wing. Among those are failure to pay monthly bills, resulting in the loss of credit charging privileges, reservists assuming they'll receive travel reimbursement before the bill comes due, other monthly bills cropping up prior to paying government credit card purchases, or not submitting non-availability slips from temporary duty assignments.

To counteract those occurrences, Public Law 107-314 was enacted last May by the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, (Financial Management and Comptroller) requiring

mandatory split disbursement on all travel vouchers. According to the memo, "split disbursement accelerates cash flow to the bank, simplifies the payment process for travelers and assures on-time payment resulting in fewer delinquencies."

"Travel vouchers not submitted for split disbursement are being re-turned," said Mary Vail, budget officer for the 302nd AW. "The activation is over; our delinquency rate should not be as high. One problem is members on assignment stateside extract cash advances instead of paying as they go. They forget how much has been extracted and drive up the wing's delinquency ratio. Members deployed overseas need to be able to extract cash advances on credit card accounts so cash is readily available for the duration of their overseas assignment, and additional expenses incurred while deployed."

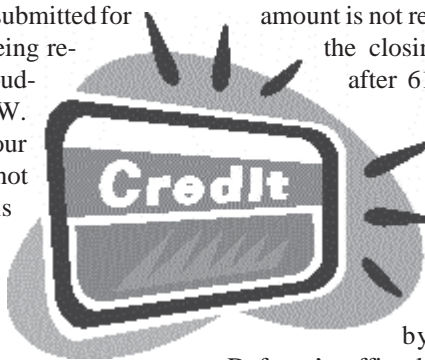
Reservists activated 45 days or more need to file travel vouchers for every month they're deployed. "It's not a requirement," said Staff Sgt. Jason Daniels, 302nd AW reserve pay technician. "It is highly recommended they file accrual vouchers during deployment to keep the member current on government travel card expenses and reimburse them for meals and other incidental expenses incurred over

the previous 30 days of the duty assignment." Settlement vouchers are filed at the end of the duty assignment to ensure proper payment over the length of the TDY once reservists return from activation.

An account is considered past due if the amount is not received within 45 days of the closing date, and suspended after 61 days from the closing date by the government credit card contractor.

Failure to provide payment on credit card debt will result in disciplinary action. In another memo distributed by the Secretary of Defense's office last November, it stated, "Some actions available to commanders include counseling, admonishment, reprimand, nonjudicial punishment, and administrative separation. In appropriate cases, pecuniary liability, referral for criminal prosecution in civilian courts and civil enforcement action are other ways to hold military personnel personally accountable for charge card misuse. Each case may be different; timeliness, proportionality and the exercise of good judgment and common sense are always important."

"We've improved," said Winters. "We're not where we should be with regard to credit card delinquency. Colonel Moss's policy is zero tolerance."



Air Force Reserve working on Force Development

WASHINGTON—At the 2002 Corona Top conference in Colorado Springs, Colo., the Air Force adopted a new vision for how best to develop its airmen and continue its evolution as an air and space force.

The Air Force designed this new Force Development construct to be implemented across the Total Force to ensure it places the right technical and leadership skills in the right places with the right people.

In his Sight Picture messages, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper released Force Development initiatives about the active force and civilians in the spring and fall of 2003. The Air Force Reserve is working on a construct that will give its citizen airmen the tools they need to succeed in the military and balance it with their civilian careers.

"Like the active force, we want to provide our reservists with the appropriate developmental opportunities through education, assignments and training experi-

ences," said Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, commander of Air Force Reserve Command. "We want to make sure that our people are comfortable doing what they're doing, that the needs of the Air Force are balanced and that they are not sent to do something they are not prepared for. The Force Development concept is a sound one and will help us develop our force to meet future challenges."

AFRC has chartered a Force Development working group, consisting of representation from

across the command, to focus this effort and study how best to implement Force Development. The group will meet regularly and report back to senior leaders in the command on its recommendations. Command officials plan to provide more information on the AFRC Force Development initiative in early 2004.

To see previous Chief's Sight Pictures about Force Development go to: <https://www.dp.hq.af.mil/afslmo/fd/sightpicture.htm>. (AFRC News Service)



Blood donations

A parasitic disease spread by sand fleas in Iraq has prompted officials who oversee the military's blood supply to begin a one-year donor deferral for military people serving in that country. The reason for the deferral is a form of the disease Leishmaniasis, which causes sores or lesions on the skin and in its most serious form can cause death. People who get the disease are permanently deferred from donating blood.

For more information, see the Air Force Print News story or contact a local blood donation center.

TSP open season

Civilian and military employees can sign up for or change current Thrift Savings Plan accounts during the open season from Oct. 15 to Dec. 31.

For more information, see the Air Force Print News story or visit the TSP Web site at www.tsp.gov.

Time change

The readiness flight will be providing their Chem Warfare Defense Refresher class Dec. 6 at 7:30 a.m. There will be no afternoon class so personnel can attend unit holiday functions. For questions or concerns, call Senior Master Sgt. Lynn Vorce at 556-7221.

"Awardly" conduct

Senior Airman Glenn Guba, 302nd Security Forces Squadron, earned the title, Airman of

"By law" designation may miss intended beneficiaries

By Maj. Thomas L. Farmer
Air Force Legal Assistance Division

Those who have designated their SGLI benefits to be distributed "by law," may not know who would actually receive the insurance proceeds upon their death.

Most service members understand the value of being able to leave up to \$250,000 to their loved ones via their SGLI benefit. Many, however, unknowingly put at risk their intended beneficiaries' ability to collect payment from the policy. By writing "by law" as the policy's beneficiary, one forfeits control of the distribution of the proceeds and opens the door to claims, disputes and potentially lengthy litigation by third parties claiming to be beneficiaries under the "by law" distribution scheme.

When someone uses a "by law" beneficiary designation on his SGLI policy, a court may end up interpreting the distribution of said benefit using definitions from the SGLI statute and state laws. As these laws vary from state to state, the legal definition of terms like "spouse," "child," "parent," and "next of kin" may not be the same as intended.

For instance, the term "parent" generally does not include foster parents or stepparents. An actual case of a member who died on active duty with "by law" as the beneficiary designation for SGLI illustrates this point. For his entire military career, the member had sent monthly allotments to the foster parents who raised him. Yet on his death, his SGLI proceeds went not to the "parents" he intended but to the drug-addicted natural mother who had abandoned him as a child. Without a specific indication of who the intended beneficiary is, no one can confidently predict how a "by law" designation will be distributed.

Don't leave the distribution of this valuable benefit to chance. Take a few minutes to specifically name intended beneficiaries. Review the named beneficiaries regularly—when PCSing, preparing to deploy or whenever circumstances change, such as a birth, death, marriage, divorce or separation.

This responsible approach best ensures the proceeds are distributed in a timely manner to the intended beneficiaries.

For more information regarding SGLI benefits, please visit the MPF or a legal assistance attorney.

the Year for the 302nd Airlift Wing. Tech. Sgt. Louise Rasmussen, 302nd Mission Support Squadron, also distinguished herself as she was named NCO of the Year.

Congratulations also go out to Tech. Sgt. Tina Doherty and Senior Airman Jody Sanchez, both from the 302nd SFS, as they were named NCO and Airman of the Quarter, respectively, for the fourth quarter!

MPF hours

The Military Personnel Flight is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 7:30 a.m. to noon on Saturdays and Sundays respectively during UTAs. For more information or questions, call 556-8185.

Marvelous members

Kudos are in order for Senior Airman Jerri L. Tubbs, 302nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron; Staff Sgt. Charles M. Neyhart

and Master Sgt. Bruce K. Wilkes, 302nd Maintenance Squadron for scoring more than 90 percent on their Career Development Course tests.

Also Tech. Sgt. Lisa M. Smidt, 302nd Operations Support Flight, earned her certificate of training for completion of the Personnel Apprentice Course. She's also a distinguished graduate from the 81st Training Group, Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

Physical description

A physical, either short, which is mostly paperwork review, or a long, which is a two UTA physical, is required every year. Two to three months prior to the required physical, members are notified to help everyone plan accordingly. A RCPHA is required prior to actually coming to the clinic for a physical. There are no physicals in February for annual training. Call 556-1134 for

more information.

Orderly orders

As of Oct. 1, 2003 all orders for Military Pay must be submitted within five business days after completion of tour. This is in accordance with DFAS-DEM 7073-3, Chapter 9, para 9.2.3.2. On travel vouchers, the same applies, but this is in accordance with DODFMR, Chapter 9.

Learning experience

The Education and Training Office is holding an Education Open House during the December UTA. Last year several universities were on hand to include the University of Phoenix, Embry Riddle and Colorado Tech among many others. The time is tentatively set for Sunday, 8 a.m. to noon.

For more information, contact Chief Master Sgt. Carolyn Rice at 556-8184.

Unit Training Assembly Schedule

December 6-7

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0530 – 1000	Brunch	Aragon Dining Facility	SVF/6-4180
0600 – 0730	“Jump Start” Fellowship	Sandy’s Restaurant	HC/6-7428
0730 – 1100	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg 893 Conf Room	DPMSC/6-8185
0730 – 0900	No Meeting Period	All Locations	CV/6-7087
0730 – 1630	Physical Exams	Clinic	ASTS/6-1132
0730 – 1600	MPF Hours	Bldg 895 Room 219A	DPMSC/6-8185
0900 – 1000	Unit Training Manager Mt	Bldg 895 Room 203	DPMT/6-7250
1000 – 1045	Wing Training Planning	Bldg 895 Room 203	CCX/6-0142
1000 – 1600	Military Clothing Sales	Bldg 1466	LSM/6- 3227
1030 – 1130	Wing Commander’s Call	Base Auditorium	PA/6-4117
1100 – 1730	Let’s Do Lunch!	Aragon Dining Facility SVS/6-4180	
1100 – 1230	Lunch & A Lift	Aragon Colorado Room	HC/6-7428
1200 – 1630	CWD Refresher	Bldg 1324 2 nd Floor	CEX/6-7221
1215 – 1530	CDC/PME Testing	Bldg 895 Room 203/204	DPMT/6-7250
1300 – 1630	Newcomers Ancillary Trng	Bldg 893 Conference Room	DPMSC/6-8185
1300 – 1600	Chaplain Available	Bldg 893 Room 143	HC/6-7428
2000 – 2300	Late Night Carry-out	Aragon Dining Facility	SVF/6-4180

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0730 – 1200	CWD Refresher	Bldg 1324 2 nd Floor	CEX/6-7221
0730 – 1200	MPF Hours	Bldg 895 Room 219A	DPMSC/6-8185
0800 – 0900	First Sergeants Meeting	Aragon Dining Facility	CCF/6-8307
0800 – 0900	Career Advisory Training	Bldg 895 Room 203	DPMS/6-7702
0800 – 1200	Education Fair& Open Hs	Bldg 895, Training Rm	DPMT/6-7250
0900 – 1300	Annual Awards Boards	Bldg 845 Conference Rm	DPMS/6-8185
0900 – 1100	3AO AFSC Training	Bldg 893 Wing Conf	SC/6-8192
1000 – 1100	Homosexual Policy Training	Bldg 893 Room 111	JA/6-8140
1100 – 1730	Let’s Do Lunch	Aragon Dining Facility	SVF/6-4180
1200 – 1300	Multicultural Awareness Gp	Aragon Dining Facility	ME/6-6215
1215 – 1530	CDC / PME Testing	Bldg 895 Room 203/204	DPMT/6-7250
1300 – 1400	PERSCO		
1400 – 1500	In House Training		
1500 – 1600	In Section Training		
1300 – 1400	Commander’s SORTS Mt	Command Post CAT	CP/6-7369
1400 – 1500	3SO AFSC Training	Bldg 893 Wing Conference	DPMS/6-7249
2000 – 2300	Late Night Carryout	Aragon Dining Hall	SVS/6-4180

Reminder: Wing Commander’s Call, Dec. 6, 10:30, Base Auditorium

Wing welcomes newcomers

November's Newcomers Orientation was packed with the 302nd Airlift Wing newest members listed below. Please extend them a warm welcome.

302nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Staff Sgt. Jonathan M. Zelonis

302nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron
Senior Airman Richard L. Crutcher
Senior Airman Jonathan D. Hilliard
Staff Sgt. Joseph C. Schwartz

302nd Civil Engineer Squadron
Staff Sgt. Kristina J. Hottes

302nd Communications Flight
Tech. Sgt. Gregory J. Aubuchon
Senior Airman Debra H. Morant

302nd Maintenance Squadron
Staff Sgt. Maria D. Hudson
Staff Sgt. Brian M. McAmis
Staff Sgt. Shawn A. Wagner

302nd Military Operations Flight
Staff Sgt. Matthew B. Grezeszak

302nd Security Forces Squadron
Senior Airman Andre Gordon

731st Airlift Squadron
Staff Sgt. Thomas J. Dishion Jr.
Staff Sgt. Carol S. Proctor
Maj. Tony D. Roberts
Maj. Shawn D. Vinson

6th Space Operations Squadron
Senior Airman Carl L. Robinson Jr.

7th Space Operations Squadron
Staff Sgt. Jeroen Huezen

8th Space Weather Squadron
Capt. Samuel P. Baxter
Capt. Hoang T. Nguyen

14th Test Squadron
Maj. Daniel J. Hoffman

19th Space Operations Squadron
Capt. Matthew D. Forsyth

26th Space Agressor Squadron
Tech. Sgt. Rolf W. Miller
Tech. Sgt. Steven J. Sprouffske

310th Communications Flight
Master Sgt. Guy A. Johnson
Senior Airman Michael J. LaForge
Senior Airman Jeffrey R. Liang

Congrats promotees

Chief Master Sergeant
James Riley

Master Sergeant
Elizabeth Boisse
Caron Crowe
Kelly Dupay
Andrea Fisher
Anthony Garcia
Martin Herrera
Eric Knight
Timothy McWilliams
John Moor
Gregory Roberts
Dennis Robinson
William Russell
Burman Lynn Twohig
Brian Vandam

Technical Sergeant
Steven Blaskowsky
Jeffrey Buell
Mark Bynum
James Cates
Kristen Lattimer
Brian Lee
Raymond Lucero
Beau Marcum
Martin Moffit
Christina Powell
Terri San Nicolas
Todd Scott
Lissy Slezak

Staff Sergeant
Marco Cotto
Joey Jackson
Robert Mathews
Jennifer Pressey
Brent Taylor

Senior Airman
Mealinda Aguirre
Rodney Brophey
Jason Haddix
Matthew Harding
Giovanni Hernandez
Michael Hernandez
Fern Michael
Amanda Moore
Steven Provencio
Cassandra Reese
Jody Sanchez

It's the holiday season. Time to reach out and ...

Care and share

By Chaplain (Capt.) Tim Wilson
302nd Airlift Wing Chaplain's Office

The Care and Share program has helped a number of wing members who have experienced financial difficulties because of civilian job loss or extenuating family circumstances this year. Any money given to this program goes directly to those who serve at the 302nd Airlift Wing; however, we can only give out what has been donated. Currently funds are running low.

Members can give during the December UTA and can share a gift that could last

the whole year long.

Donations may be given in collection buckets located in unit orderly rooms or in the chaplain's office. A voluntary donation of one dollar by every wing member would go a long way to help with the "Care and Share" effort.

Every little bit helps.

To apply for consideration for Care and Share funds or to get help for someone with a special need please contact unit first sergeants.

Thank you so much for your generosity. Your willingness to share makes a big difference to some else who is having a hard time!



In their honor

Nearly 20 302nd Airlift Wing members donned their uniform on a Saturday but it wasn't a UTA. The members volunteered to man a float during Pueblo's Veteran's Day Parade Nov. 8. Several wing members also participated in a similar event held in Colorado Springs the same weekend.



Fires cont. from Pg. 4

comed snow and rain helped contain the fires.

At final count, 20 people died, more than 2000 homes were lost, and three-quarters of a million acres were destroyed by the California fires, according to California Department of Forestry. The eight C-130 aircraft and six helicopters with fire suppression buckets flew more than 70 missions and dispersed more than 195,000 gallons of retardant or water in the firefighting efforts. The chain of requests has changed since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks as the U.S. Northern Command takes on the military tasking in homeland defense responsibilities. When the National Agency Fire Center determines military firefighting assis-



Photo by Staff Sgt. Michele A. Desrochers

Firefighter John Kafoury, of the Long Beach Fire Department, does a complete overhaul of the freshly burned area to ensure complete extinguishment of this most recent burn. Oct. 30, to help battle this portion of the Simi Valley Fires threatening Southern California.

tance is needed, according to Lt. Col. Roberto Garza, spokesperson for the U.S. Northern Command, "The center sends a request for assistance to the Department of Defense. Once authorized, the tasking is sent to Northern Command to execute. U.S. Northern Command provides "one-stop shopping" for military assistance to civil authorities in the event of disaster relief operations to include wildfires," said Garza.

Civic Leaders cont. from Pg. 6

understanding of the Air Force Reserve mission," said Col. Richard R. Moss, 302nd AW commander. "It is the desire that tours such as these will instill pride in and support from the civic leaders that will foster long-lasting relationships for the wing," Moss said.

A criterion for individuals invited on these tours is to be a community leader and have a desire to know more about the military. The public affairs office has a running list of names, if you would like to submit a name for future tours, please contact public affairs at 302aw.pa@302.peterson.af.mil.

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